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3. Objectives

The objective of the Scenic Highway Element is to provide for

development and maintenance of scenic highways and to establish

and maintain scenic highways.

4. Responsibility

A. Should all or a portion of the State Highway System lying

within the City's jurisdiction be designated as official

scenic highway, it will be the responsibility of the appropriate

state agencies to:

1. Establish and apply pertinent planning and design standards

for development of Official Scenic Highways, in accordance

with the advice of the State Scenic Highway Advisory Committee.

SCENIC HIGHWAY ELEMENT

I. Introduction

The Scenic Highway Element provides for the development, establishment, and protection of Scenic Highways pursuant to the provisions of Article 2.5 (commencing with Section 260) of Chapter 2 of Division 1 of the Streets and Highways Code (see Appendix).

II. Scope

In the event that the state legislature should designate any portion of the State High System within the jurisdiction of this City as an official State Scenic Highway, it will become the responsibility of the City to maintain an adjacent scenic corridor. Such scenic corridors require special scenic conservation treatment, and the responsibility for the protection of the social and economic values provided by these scenic resources are shared by the appropriate state agencies and the City.

III. Objective

The objective of the Scenic Highway Element is to provide for coordination between state and local agencies in the establishing and development of Official Scenic Highways.

IV. Responsibility

A. Should all or a portion of the State Highway System lying within the City's jurisdiction be designated an official Scenic Highway, it will be the responsibility of the appropriate state agencies to:

1. Establish and apply pertinent planning and design standards for development of Official Scenic Highways, in accordance with the advice of the State Scenic Highway Advisory Committee.

Introduction

The Scenic Highway Element provides for the development, establishment, and protection of Scenic Highway's pursuant to the provisions of Article 1.5 (commenced with Section 1001 of Chapter 2 of Division 1 of the Streets and Highways Code (see Appendix).

II. Scope

In the event that the State Legislature should designate any portion of the State Highway System within the jurisdiction of this

City as an official Scenic Highway, it will become the

responsibility of the City to maintain an adjacent scenic corridor.

Such scenic corridors require special scenic conservation measures,

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III. Objectives

The objective of the Scenic Highway Element is to provide for

coordination between state and local agencies in the establishment

and development of official scenic highways.

IV. Responsibility

A. Should all or a portion of the State Highway System within

the City's jurisdiction be designated as official

Scenic Highway, it will be the responsibility of the scenic

highway system to provide for

1. Establishment and apply pertinent planning and design standards

for development of official scenic highways, in accordance

with the advice of the State Scenic Highway Advisory Committee

2. Consider the concept of the "complete highway"-- a highway incorporating not only safety, utility, and economy but also beauty--in the establishment and application of standards, and the development of Official Scenic Highways.

B. It will be the City's responsibility, should such designation occur, to:

1. Protect the scenic appearance of the scenic corridor, i.e., the band of land generally adjacent to the highway right-of-way. Such protection should include:

- a. Regulation of land use and intensity (density) of development.
- b. Detailed land use and site planning.
- c. Control of outdoor advertising.
- d. Careful attention to and control of earth moving and landscaping.
- e. Consideration of the design and appearances of structures and equipment.

V. Recommendations

The plan makes no recommendations concerning the implementation of this element since the establishment of Official Scenic Highways is the prerogative of the State Scenic Highway Advisory Committee and the State Legislature.

Nevertheless, the City has always been concerned with the aesthetic appearance of its local circulation system, and in this regard has established ordinances controlling land use, grading, and outdoor advertising. In addition, the City also maintains an ongoing program of street tree planting and maintenance, which adds to the aesthetic appearance of local highways.

Should it become necessary to administer such special scenic conservation treatment as would be required by the designation of a scenic corridor within its jurisdiction, the City should be able to meet its responsibilities with little or no changes to existing ordinances.

THE HIGHWAY PLAN FOR STATE SCENIC HIGHWAYS

260. Legislative Intent

It is the intent of the Legislature in designating certain portions of the state highway system as state scenic highways to establish the State's responsibility for the protection and enhancement of California's natural scenic beauty by identifying those portions of the state highway system which, together with the adjacent scenic corridors, require special scenic conservation treatment. It is further declared to be the intent of the Legislature to designate such scenic highways to ensure responsibility for the development of such scenic highways and for the protection and enhancement of such scenic highways.

APPENDIX

Section 260, Article 2.5

Chapter 2, Division 1

Streets and Highways Code

sign, construction, and regulation of land use and development, by the Legislature and shall be consistent with the purposes of the State and local agencies in highways in order to protect the social and economic values provided by the State's scenic resources.

Added by Stats. 1963, c. 1280, p. 1006. § 2, operative July 1, 1964.

261. Planning and Design Standards for Scenic Highways

The Department shall, with the advice of the State Highway Advisory Committee, establish and apply pertinent planning and design standards for development of official scenic highways.

In establishing and applying such standards for, and undertaking the development of, official scenic highways, the Department shall take into consideration the concept of the "complete highway", which is a highway which incorporates not only safety, utility, and economy but also beauty. The Department shall also take into consideration in establishing such standards that, in a "complete highway", planning appearance

THE MASTER PLAN FOR STATE SCENIC HIGHWAYS

260. Legislative intent

It is the intent of the Legislature in designating certain portions of the state highway system as state scenic highways to establish the State's responsibility for the protection and enhancement of California's natural scenic beauty by identifying those portions of the state highway system which, together with the adjacent scenic corridors, require special scenic conservation treatment. It is further declared to be the intent of the Legislature in designating such scenic highways to assign responsibility for the development of such scenic highways and for the establishment and application of specific planning and design standards and procedures appropriate thereto and to indicate, in broad statement terms, the location and extent of routes and areas requiring continuing and careful co-ordination of planning, design, construction, and regulation of land use and development, by state and local agencies as appropriate to, to protect the social and economic values provided by the State's scenic resources.

(Added by Stats. 1963, c. 1788, p. 3606, § 4, operative July 1, 1964.)

261. Planning and design standards; complete highway

The department shall, with the advice of the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee * * *, establish and apply pertinent planning and design standards for development of official scenic highways.

In establishing and applying such standards for, and undertaking the development of, official scenic highways, the department shall take into consideration the concept of the "complete highway", which is a highway which incorporates not only safety, utility, and economy but also beauty. The department shall also take into consideration in establishing such standards that, in a "complete highway," pleasing appearance

If at any time the department, with the advice of the Scenic Highway Advisory Committee * * *, determines that the corridor protection program of local governmental agencies with respect to any highway which has been designated as an official state scenic highway no longer adequately carries out responsibility of the local governmental agencies for the protection of the scenic corridor, it may revoke the designation of the highway as an official state scenic highway and remove the signs which so indicate the highway.

(Amended by Stats. 1969, c. 1352, p. 2714, § 6.)

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